

FINAL REPORT: PHASE 2

**PROJECT TITLE: Ensuring Access in Perpetuity to Sustainability Content
Using The University of Texas Digital Repository**

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Since the Phase Two midway report of September 2012, we have added 14 new submissions to the UTDR, containing a total of 423 files. These include photographs of Brazilian architecture taken by Fernando Lara, photographs of recent New York architecture by Smilja Milovanovic-Bertram, videos of presentations made to Nichole Wiedemann's re-Design IV studio by guest lecturers Frederick Steiner and Chris Riley, and documentation for the *Ensuring Access in Perpetuity to Sustainability Content Using The University of Texas Digital Repository* project (hereafter referred to as "Ensuring Access"). The Meadows Foundations Funded Projects collection in the UTDR now holds a total of 51 submissions; one can view these online at <http://repositories.lib.utexas.edu/handle/2152/10234>.

Part way through Phase Two, we exhausted the Meadows grant funding for the project (covering a total of 288 hours of work). The School of Architecture approved funding for 12.5 additional hours to bring the project to completion. [Figures 1, 2](#) and [3](#) show breakdowns of the number of hours spent on different categories of work during Phase One and Phase Two, and for the complete project. The categories used to classify project work/tasks are:

- **Communications:** writing emails and making occasional phone calls to content creators to request or discuss materials for inclusion in the UTDR, and to get the necessary permissions to upload that content.
- **Locating/Transferring Content:** meeting with content creators/contributors to review files for inclusion, and transferring copies of those files for review and cataloging prior to uploading them to the UTDR.
- **Reviewing/Cataloging Content:** reading/viewing the content, writing abstracts, adding subject keywords, and generating other descriptive metadata as needed for the submission.
- **Uploading Content:** Uploading the actual files to the UTDR. this category also covers working with UTDR administrators to coordinate batch uploads for larger submissions.
- **General Admin:** Administrative tasks, including meetings/phone calls with Project Supervisor Elizabeth Schaub, and creating progress reports and other documentation.
- **Project Tracking:** recording the hours spent on various project work/tasks.

One of the biggest challenges of the project has been to get the content creators to make their materials and information available. This difficulty continued through the final weeks of Phase Two work. As a result of this, there are still some projects within the Meadows Foundation curriculum development grant that are not represented in the UTDR. In addition, there are some projects for which we determined that the generated materials are not suited for inclusion in the UTDR. This was most common for case studies that included significant amounts of content from outside sources for which we could not secure the required permission to make them available. The projects not included in the UTDR are listed in [Table 1](#).

Despite these setbacks, I feel that the Ensuring Access project has succeeded in collecting and making available a large amount of valuable research and documentation. A complete list of these can be found in the accompanying document (Meadows_UTDR_contents_2013-02-27.docx).

The UTDR's [statistics](#) (retrieved 2/27/2013) show that the Meadows collection has received 871 visits since its inception, with the number of views increasing on average 18.9% per month, averaged over the last six months.

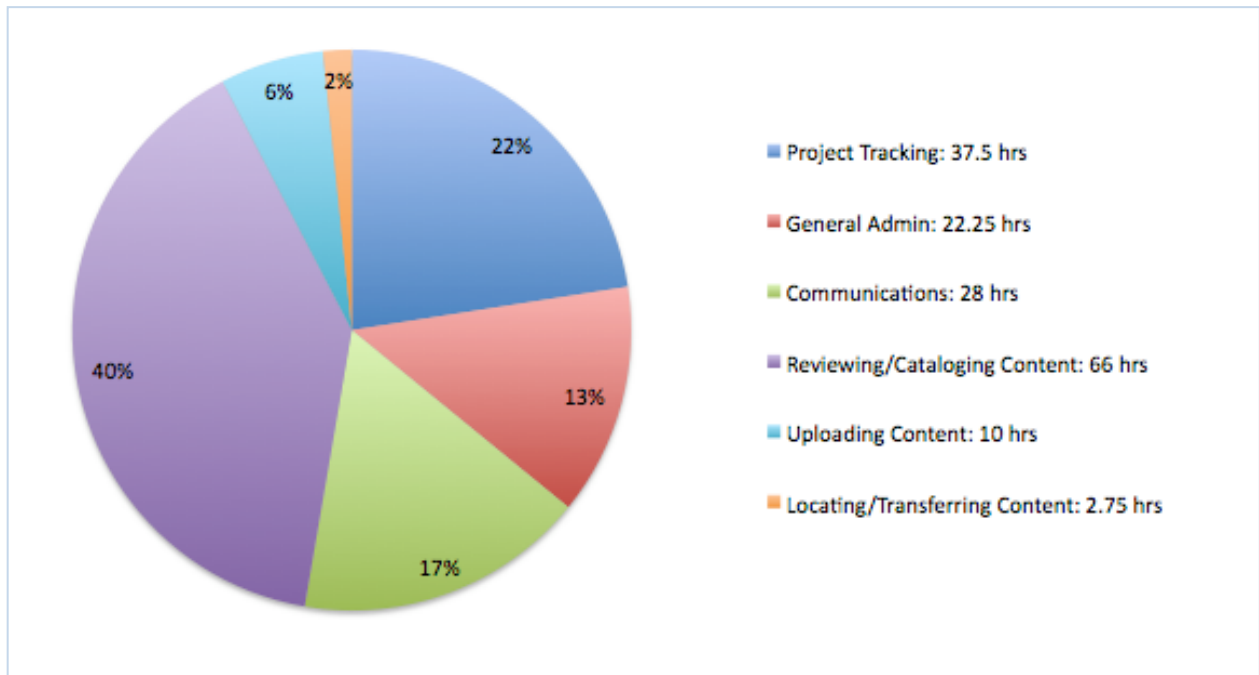


Figure 1: Phase 1 work completed, 12/1/2010 - 2/18/2010

Note: hours in Figure 1 have been adjusted from those shown in Progress Report: Completion of Phase One (meadows_ensuringAccess_phase1_report-2012-02-23) to correct for a tracking error in the earlier document.

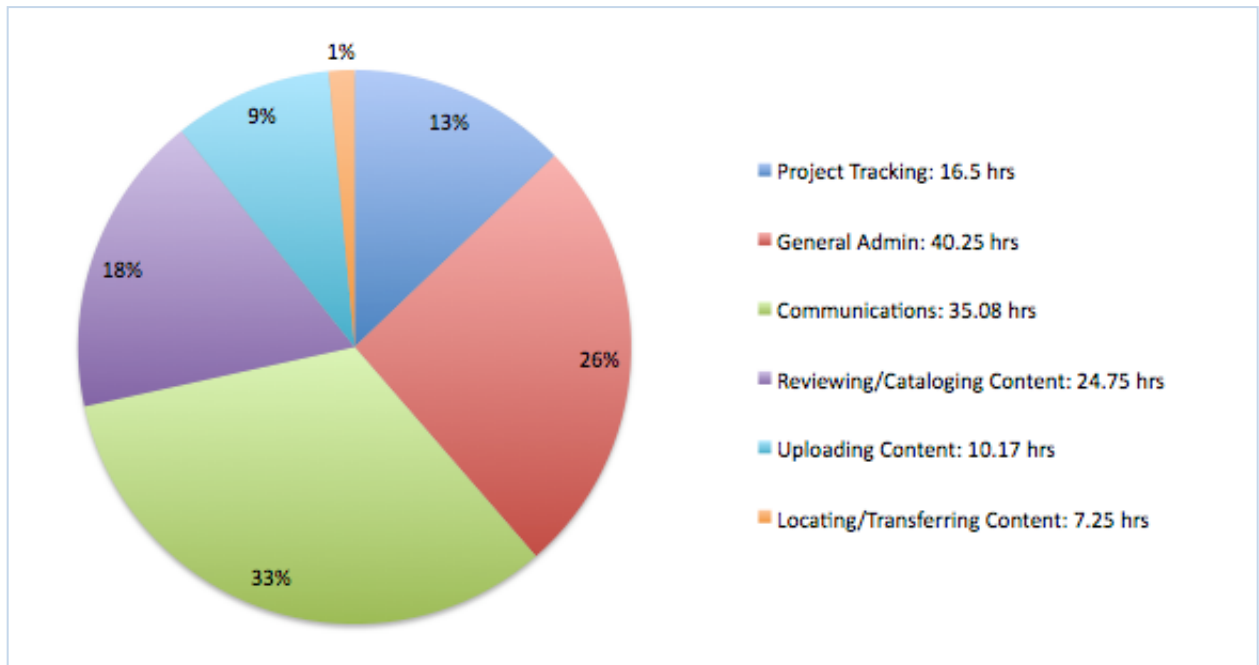


Figure 2: Phase 2 work completed, 2/19/2012-2/27/2013

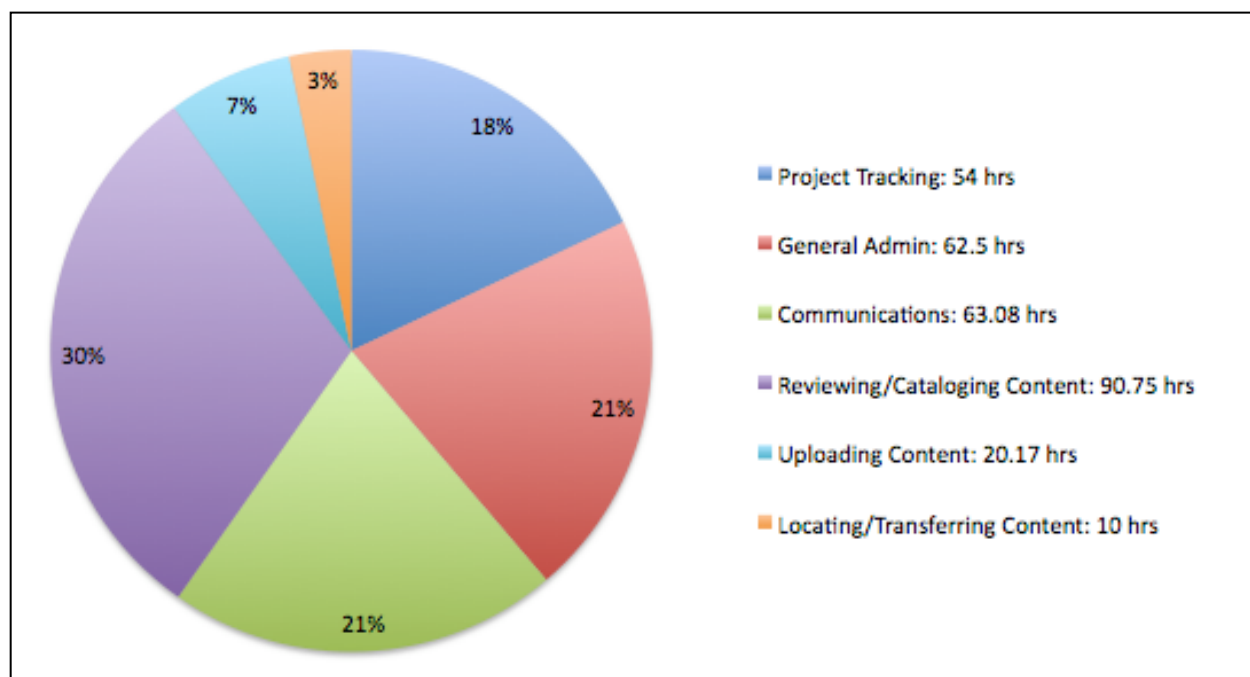


Figure 3: all funded hours for *Ensuring Access* project, 12/1/2010 – 2/27/2013

TABLE 1: MATERIALS NOT ADDED TO THE UT DIGITAL REPOSITORY

Course/Project	Creators	Proposed Deliverables	Reason materials not added to UTDR:
Plans & Plan making & UD Studio	Dean Almy, Robert Paterson	A final report encompassing descriptive case studies of each software package reviewed	No response from Professor Almy; made contact with Professor Paterson, but did not receive materials
re-Design IV Studio	Nichole Wiedemann	selection of student projects	Materials incomplete as of 2/20/2013, but we expect them to be eventually added to the collection
ARI 434K construction II	Tamie Glass	one page final report	Unable to contact Professor Glass
ID seminar-- the sustainable interior	Lois Weinthal	ten case study examples; one page progress report and final report	Materials were determined not to be good candidates for inclusion in the UTDR due to rights restrictions
Site design	David Heymann	pdf version of compiled reader	Corresponded with Professor Heymann in March of 2011 about possible materials, but subsequent emails in 2011 and 2012 received no response
History and theory of Landscape architecture I & II	Mirka Benes, Lynn Osgood	fifteen comparative case study curriculum units w/ bibliographies; evaluation rubrics; two grant reports	Materials were determined not to be good candidates for inclusion in the UTDR due to rights restrictions
construction V: materials and detailing	Elizabeth Danze	case studies, construction documents	Corresponded with Professor Danze in March of 2011 about possible materials, but subsequent emails in 2012 received no response
Construction II: embodied resources in construction	Francisco Gomes	no materials were generated that could be included in the UTDR	
Research Seminar in Sustainable Preservation	Michael Holleran	One page report on course developments	Dr. Holleran declined permission to include materials in the UTDR
Basic Ecology for Designers and Planners	Sara Dooling	(Need input from Dr. Dooling on possible materials)	Unable to contact Professor Dooling